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... Foreword . .

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to send our thousands of dahlia loving friends this year's catalog.

We wish also to take this opportunity to thank our esteemed customers for their kind forbearance during the last year when we were almost frozen out by the unseasonal November cold spell, which made it impossible for us to give the service or supply all the roots that were desired.

This year, to the contrary, has been one of the best growing seasons we have yet experienced. Our blooms were lovely and the root crop was most excellent.

Our stock of new seedlings was so decimated last year that we had insufficient stock to introduce, but next year we hope to have at least one new beauty to introduce.

Thanking you for all your past favors and wishing the best of luck with your dahlias.

NELS JOHNSON

... Terms . .

Our terms are cash with order, or prior to shipping time. Local customers who call for their orders in person can pay prior to or when picking up their roots.

Mail orders over \$2.50 are prepaid or if preferred we can ship C. O. D., the customer paying the C. O. D. charges. On orders under \$2.50, please add 25 cents for packing and postage.

Make checks or money orders payable to N. O. A. Johnson, Sumas, Wash. Customers living in Washington please add 3 1/2 per cent for state sales tax.

Canadian customers must obtain import permits from the Secretary of Destructive Insect and Pest Act Advisory, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.

All roots are guaranteed to be true to name and in good growing condition. If not found so, return same and a replacement will be made or money refunded.

Visitors are welcome to our dahlia fields during the blooming season from mid-August until first frost. The farm is located one mile north of the Nooksack Valley high school, at the intersection of the high school and the Clearbrook roads.

... Cultural Directions . .

Dahlias will do very well in almost any kind of soil with a little careful attention. Select a place that is reasonably sunny. A little shade during a part of the day is all right, but never plant dahlias in a plot that is underlaid with tree roots. Dig a hole nearly a foot deep and into it put about half a shovel of well rotted manure or any complete fertilizer, and mix this thoroughly with the soil in the bottom of the hole, then put in enough top soil so the root will not come into direct contact with the fertilizer. You now have a hole about six or eight inches deep. Now place your root and drive a strong stake near the sprout end of the dahlia root. By setting the stake now you will not injure the roots, which is likely by setting the stake after it is needed. Now cover the root with only about two or three inches of soil. This will allow the sun to warm better than if the hole were filled. After the plant has emerged, more soil can be hoed in as the plant grows.

Decorative Dahlias

Price,
each

ANDRIES WONDER — Informal decorative; bush medium. A very unusual and beautiful dahlia with orange to pink petals with golden base, and each petal is hooked on the end. A most peculiar and novel bloom	\$1.75
ARTHUR GODFREY — Formal decorative; low bush; enormous Orient red with buff shadings. One of our largest dahlias. On three honor rolls	1.00
BALLEGOS GLORY — Formal decorative; bush medium; rich maroon with golden edges along the petals; very showy; good cut flower.....	.75
BARBAROSSA — Formal decorative; tall bush; very profuse bloomer of regularly formed, intense scarlet flowers. Excellent cut flower.....	.80
BLUE RIVER — Formal decorative; bush medium height; mauve colored, nearly blue; large blooms with perfect form .....	.75
BRANDARIS — Medium bush; formal decorative; 7-inch blooms of coral with rich golden centers. Outstanding cut flower.....	1.00
CLARA CARDER — Formal decorative; rather low bush; enormous cyclamen-pink flowers; an old favorite, still one of the best .....	.75
COLOR SKETCH — Formal decorative; medium bush; medium sized blooms of deep rose mottled with lighter pink. Very colorful with perfect stems	1.00
DAHLIAMUM — Medium bush; informal decorative. A very large flower with buff to amber petals and showing a golden gleam. The petals are artistically twisted.....	.80
D'ARCY SAINESBURY — Formal decorative; medium bush; pure white; regularly formed blooms of good size and stiff stems.....	.75
DEUIL DU ROI ALBERT — Formal decorative; medium bush; a very popular number of rich purple with pure white tips. Very early and constant bearer of perfect blooms.....	.80
FLAMINGO — Formal decorative; tall bush. a new lobster red beauty that blooms early and profusely, and is a wonderful keeper as a cut flower. Blooms held high above the foliage.....	1.00
GERRIE HOEK — Formal decorative; medium bush; Rhodamine pink, with slight yellow shading at base of petals; one of our best for cutting and arrangements; very prolific .....	.80
GOUDBROCAAT (Gold Brocade) — Formal decorative; medium bush; 9-inch blooms with an orange background and splashed with a deep red. Sometimes entire petals are solid colored. Interesting variety	1.00
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH — Informal decorative; low bush; a 12-inch very imposing and striking dahlia; lemon yellow; petals twist and curl, giving a very lacy appearance.....	1.00

Decorative Dahlias Con't.

Price,
each

JANINE SAWYER — Formal decorative; low bush. A ten-inch pure white that holds its head straight up .....	.75
JERSEY'S BEAUTY — Formal decorative; tall bush; a beautiful eosine pink; perfect form, long stems, good keepers, and easy grower.....	.75
KATHLEEN NORRIS — Informal decorative; tall bush; immense blooms of rose pink; for flowers of its size it has very rigid stems and is very well poised; a great exhibition flower.....	.75
LOIS WALCHER — Formal decorative; medium bush; a 7-inch bicolor of deep pansy purple and regularly tipped white.....	.80
MAYOR OTIS — Informal decorative; medium bush; enormous flowers of great size and good substance. Golden honey yellow with slight copper shading. Flowers attain dinner plate size.....	.80
MISS SHATTOCK — Formal decorative; tall bush; very free flowering; pure white, perfectly round, and large blooms on very good stems.....	.75
NAGEL'S SENSATION — Formal decorative; tall bush; gorgeous salmon rose flowers on ideal stems and growing in great profusion; a beauty both in the garden and in a vase.....	.75
PIUS XI — Formal decorative; tall bush; the flowers are glowing papel yellow; immaculately tipped with white; very unusual; bush is a vigorous grower; the flower stems are strong, making a truly fine dahlia.....	.75
RED AND WHITE — Formal decorative; tall bush; a medium sized bloom with brilliant red and white stripes lengthwise the florets. Has somewhat the appearance of a candy stick.....	.80
REGINA — Formal decorative; low bush. The perfectly formed amaranth red blcoms are held on very strong and upright stems, and the blooms are always facing up. About a ten-inch bloom....	.75
ROSE GLORY — Formal decorative; medium bush; a very regularly formed flower, facing upward, with rod-like stem; color pure old rose.....	.50
SANTA CLAUS — Informal decorative; medium bush. An 8-inch bicolor that has petals of an orange red hue with white tips. Blooms are held on rigid stems	1.00
SPOTLIGHT — Formal decorative; tall bush. This 5-inch dahlia is a bright geranium red with perfect stems for arranging and a very profuse bloomer .....	.75

COLLECTION

One each of 8 varieties, our choice of decorative dahlias	\$4.25
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Cactus and Semi-Cactus

Dahlias

Price,
each

ADOLPH MAYER — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a deep garnet red almost black dahlia of outstanding qualities. Blooms are well poised on good stems	\$1.00
AMBER STAR — Straight cactus; tall bush; an 8-inch warm, pure amber, held on very good stems, and a profuse bloomer.....	.80
ARISTOS — Semi-cactus; medium bush. The violet red 10-inch blooms are held high on very good stems often showing white tips. A real beauty..	.75
AUMONIER CHANDELON — Straight cactus; medium bush; a delicately shaded light salmon flower with cream centers	1.00
AUTUMN BROCADE — Semi-cactus; tall bush. These beautiful six-inch blooms are a deep cream at the base of the petals and blend into a coral at the tips. A gorgeous autumn color, has very long stems .....	.80
BACCHUS — Semi-cactus; tall bush. A 6-inch blood red dahlia that is one of the very best of recent Dutch introductions; long stems and an outstanding cut flower .....	.80
BALLEGO'S SURPRISE — Tall bush; semi-cactus; pure white. This is one of the finest white dahlias we know; well poised, rigid stems, and ideal for cut flower .....	.75
BELLE DAME — Straight cactus; tall bush; 8-inch blooms of glowing salmon pink; best of stems and very free flowering. Highest awards .....	.80
BERGER'S MASTERPIECE — Cactus; tall bush; a lovely smokey shell pink to delicate rose, with long, twisted florets; very strong stems; fine for a vase flower .....	.75
BREENDONCK — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a 6-inch flower of darkest red, almost black. Has very long stems and is an outstanding cut flower .....	.80
BROEDER JUSTINUS — Semi-cactus; low bush; 8-inch blooms of yellow with rich amber tips; very free flowering .....	.80
CARMEN — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a 6-inch bloom of clear salmon rose.....	.80
CARNAVAL — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a striking signal red with yellow at the center, also yellow tipped. A prize winning importation.....	1.00
CHAMOISSETTE — Semi-cactus; tall bush. A lovely light blend of peach suffusing to rose. A 5-inch bloom .....	.80
CORAL PEACH — Straight cactus; tall bush; a six-inch bloom with rich coral center and glowing peach ray petals80

Cactus and Semi-Cactus

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each

CORONA — Semi-cactus; medium bush; excellent cut flower of symmetric shape, of flesh color shaded pale yellow75
DANSEUSE — Incurved cactus; tall bush; a very fine medium sized flower of shrimp pink, held on long and strong stems; somewhat like but a little more vividly colored than Berger's Master-piece .....	.80
DUTCH GOLD — Incurved cactus; tall bush; a seven-inch amber to yellow beauty that is very rich and free flowering .....	.75
EUGENE BLACK — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a really outstanding dahlia of delicate coral rose suffusing to cream in the center. A rare beauty	1.50
FAIR MAID — Straight cactus; tall bush; a dandy 7-inch flower of delicate coral pink with a golden hue. A truly lovely dahlia.....	1.00
FINNESE ANVERSOISE — Straight cactus; medium bush; the greenish cream and tightly rolled petals of this flower make it an ideal flower for arrangements. A very profuse and early bloomer .....	.75
FRAU O. BRACHT — Semi-cactus; tall bush. The 9-inch soft yellow blooms have perfect shape and have a rare delicate beauty.....	.75
FRIVOOL — Cactus; tall bush; a fine large dahlia with perfect stems and a most peculiar color; the white petals are heavily pointed a purple pink. A dahlia that attracts attention in the garden	1.25
GENERAL EISENHOWER — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a striking imported number; color turkey red; is a very erect grower; has rigid stems; is very well poised, and is an excellent cut flower	1.00
GOLDEN SURPRISE — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a 7-inch bloom of deep golden yellow. A first-rate cut flower .....	.75
GRACE MOORE — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a 5-inch bloom of peach to pink with a slight touch of copper. The earliest bloomer in our field.....	.80
HESTIA — Straight cactus; medium bush; a 5-inch flower that is a perfect cut flower. The color is peach with a dark center.....	.80
GUNYAH GLORY — Semi-cactus; tall bush. These 10-inch flowers are the most nearly pure purple of any dahlias in our fields. Winner of Challenge Cup in Holland	1.00
KONINGIN JULIANA — Cactus; medium bush; brilliant orange star-shaped dahlia; good for cut flowers; named after Queen Juliana of the Netherlands	1.00

Cactus and Semi-Cactus

Dahlias Con't.

Price,
each

MADAME ELIZABETH SAWYER — Cactus; medium bush; very pretty lively rose pink; excellent for cutting; early and profuse bloomer; a stand-out in the garden.....	.75
MARGERY BLAKE — Straight cactus; medium bush; a 5-inch most perfect cut flower of glowing pink. Blooms are of most perfect form and very well poised.....	1.50

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Cactus; low bush. The slightly incurved florets are bright apricot with a yellow base and the bloom has an overall bluish overcast that makes it radiate beauty. The blooms are about 7 inches and are on perfect stems. On the trial ground in Oakland, Calif., it scored 84.2 and in East Lansing, Mich., 84B. See cut on front cover.....\$1.50

MISS ROSE FLETCHER — Straight cactus; medium bush. This 5-inch beauty has fragile baby pink star-like blooms on long and perfect stems. They are always of perfect form and very free flowering	1.00
MOEDER AARTSEN — Incurved cactus; medium bush; the 6-inch blooms of a rich cinnamon bronze are very attractive and are ideal for cutting .....	.80
NAGEL'S BIJOU — Cactus; medium bush. This is an outstanding 5-inch flower of a delicate fawn or very pale orange with a touch of coral. Excellent cut flower .....	.80
NICKY K — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a brilliant scarlet 6-inch bloom with spit ends to the petals; well poised and a perfect cut flower.....	.75
ORANGE IMPERATOR — Straight cactus; tall bush; 6-inch blooms of pure bright orange; stems are rigid and blooms are well poised.....	.75
ORFEO — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a glistening reddish purple flower on a very stiff stem makes this a very good cut flower .....	.80
PIONEER — Straight cactus; tall bush. One of the finest in a pure yellow; long stems and a good keeper .....	.80
PURITY — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a lovely pure white cut flower. Vigorous, open grower with fine stems; petals rounded at tips.....	.75
REAL PLEASURE — Incurved cactus; tall bush; a 9-inch flower of the true cactus type; the completely revolute petals are a glistening salmon....	1.00

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REE'S SUNSHINE — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a pure yellow 7-inch beauty with the tips of the rays lacinated to give it a very artistic appearance	1.00
RIESENWUNDER — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a very bizarre looking 8-inch bloom with perfect stems and form. The color is a blend of light and dark pink	1.25
SAINT THERESE — Cactus; medium bush; a very airy flower with delicate petals of rose pink and cream centers; lovely for bouquets.....	.75
TORERO — Semi-cactus; tall bush; a blood red floret with yellow reverse that twists at tip, showing the back side, making a very unusual looking dahlia; flower has good substance and is very well poised; a good exhibition dahlia.....	.50
TORNADO — Cactus; tall bush; an excellent new dahlia of orange red hue. Early bloomer and perfect stems. Has been awarded the challenge cup in Holland for best cut flower.....	.80
VICTORY DAY — Straight cactus; tall bush; a bright medium red; flowers are very perfect and uniform. Ideal for baskets and arrangements.....	.80
VICTORY MAID — Incurved cactus; tall bush; one of the best bi-colors in the cactus type; a blood red with white tips; perfect stems.....	1.00
YELLOW SPECIAL — Semi-cactus; medium bush; a 6-inch deep primrose yellow with long and strong stems. The prototype of cut flowers.....	.80

COLLECTION

One each of 8 varieties, our choice of cactus and semi-cactus dahlias	\$5.00
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Miniature Dahlias

(Four Inches or Smaller)

ANDRIES' PINK — Miniature decorative; tall bush; a lovely pink with a slight bluish cast that is very early and tops for cutting; excellent stems	\$.80
ARABESKE — Cactus; low bush; a free flowering sulphur yellow cactus with elegant stems; lovely for cut flowers .....	.60
FAVORITE — Miniature semi-cactus; medium bush; a very free blooming little dahlia of a very unusual color. Can best be described as a chamois with a slight pinkish cast.....	.75
GRACE — Miniature straight cactus; low bush; an outstanding dahlia of a bright Persian rose. Always has perfect form and is a very profuse bloomer .....	.80

Miniature Dahlias Cont'

Price,
each

GLORY OF HEEMSTEDE — Miniature decorative; tall bush; a clear bright yellow of the water lily type. Flowers are well poised on cane-like stems	.75
JESCOT DRIFT — Miniature decorative; tall bush; a pure white that surmounts perfect stems. The petals flow downward to make it almost spherical in shape	.75
MARJOLEYN — Miniature decorative; low bush; a cute little rose pink that ranks with the best for cutting and in the garden	.80
MING — Miniature semi-cactus; medium bush; a really first class mauve to lavender cut flower. Florets twist and curl	.75
STERRETJE — Miniature cactus; low bush; star-like blooms of pure white; early and profuse	.50
TACITA — Informal decorative; low bush. This translucent pink beauty is one of the loveliest flowers we have. The 4-inch blooms are carried on perfect stems, making it an ideal cut flower	1.50
TRINKET — Semi-cactus; low bush; one of the finest garnet red miniatures we know of for poise, lasting qualities and all around good qualities. Scored 85B at Ohio trial gardens (Hulin)	1.50
WHITE FAWN — Miniature decorative; low bush; a pure white of perfect uniformity, rugged bush and a very profuse blooming	.50
WILHELM ROPKE — Miniature semi-cactus; low bush; dazzling pure orange with golden center; very free flowering. Although this dahlia is listed as a miniature it always grows to "B" size for us. A very popular dahlia that always draws favorable comment	1.25

COLLECTION

One of each of 4 varieties, our choice
of miniature dahlias

\$2.00

Come and See Us Sometime When the
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Ball Type Dahlias

BONNIE BLUE — Ball; tall bush; the nearest blue dahlia; bush is loaded with blooms the entire season

\$.50

Anemone Dahlias

BEB — Anemone; low bush; fawn outer petals with lighter center. About three-inch flower

\$.50

SEIMON DOORENBOS — Anemone; low bush; delicate lavender ray petals with a high-crested center of lighter shade and shading to cream

.50

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Pompon Dahlias

Price,
each

ALBINO — Pure white; tiny flowers; very free flowering	\$.40
ALICE — Dazzling scarlet; very bright.....	.40
AMBER QUEEN — Rich amber, darker center.....	.40
BETTY ANN — Clear pink, one of the best.....	.40
DARKEST OF ALL — Very dark purple; nearly black .....	.40
DORIA — Ruby red small tight blooms; very pro- fuse bloomer .....	.40
DYDAC — A rich violet. A little beauty.....	.40
GAY LOOK — Golden bronze, reddish center.....	.40
HONEY — Rich honey yellow edged with red.....	.40
JOANNA PETIT — Glowing salmon pink to coral; tall bush .....	.40
LEO — Flaming scarlet, with base of petals ochreous yellow .....	.40
LIBBY ROHR — Dark wine colored.....	.40
LIPOMA — Delicate pink; tall bush .....	.40
MARY MUNNS — Very good, in rich fuchsia violet .....	.40
MORNING MIST — Delicate pale lavender, shad- ing to white in the center.....	.40
ORANGE BRILLIANCE — Bright orange; very prolific .....	.40
PALE BEAUTY — Very delicate pink to lavendor..	.40
PEGGY ANN — Tall bush with bronze blooms.....	.40
PEGGY WOOD — Bright orange with white tips....	.40
POOKA — A deep velvety red; low bush.....	.40
PIPES NOIR — Extra dark purple, almost black....	.40
REGULUS — Purple violet or plum colored; tightly formed blooms .....	.40
RIFLEMAN — A nice coral exhibition dahlia.....	.40

Pompon Dahlias Con't.

Price,
each

ROI DES POMPON JAUNES — One of the best yellows on the market; tall .....	.40
ROSA WILMOT — Pastel pink with lighter edges; prolific .....	.40
SONJA — White at base, deepening into reddish purple40
ZONNEGOUDE — Yellow with amber tips.....	.40

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One each of 4 varieties, our choice of pompon dahlias	\$1.25
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